

SIERRA VISTA LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 25 2016

CALL TO ORDER

J. Blaylock, Chair, called the meeting of the Sierra Vista Public Library Advisory Commission to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Sierra Vista Public Library, 2600 E. Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joan Blaylock, Chair
Leslie Clark, Associate Member
Virginia Fuller
Dottie Simmons, Vice Chair
Alvin Slarve

MEMBERS ABSENT: Debra Depew
Stephanie Fulton
Kelly Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT: Victoria Yarbrough, Leisure & Library Services Director–Staff
Liaison
Emily Scherrer, Library Manager
Susan Abend, Librarian
Debra Chatham, Library Recorder
Rita Spano, Friends of the Library
Janie Fix, Friends of the Library

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

A. Slarve moved that the Agenda be accepted as written. J. Blaylock seconded the motion. VOTE: 4–0. The motion passed.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2016

A. Slarve moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 28, 2016 be accepted as written. D. Simmons seconded the motion. VOTE: 4–0. The motion passed.

REPORT ON STAFF AND LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

a. Summer Reading Program

V. Yarbrough reported that the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program is Exercise Your Mind. The kick-off is May 28 and the program ends July 23. Children's Services Librarian Sierra Baril has arranged for several presentations including Mad Science, Reid Park Zoo, and the Desert Museum.

Because of adults' interest in previous years, Librarian Susan Abend is planning the library's first Adult Summer Reading program. Programs are planned for Wednesdays and Fridays in June and July and will include exercise activities and book discussions.

Victoria said staff has worked hard on the programs and with the great advertising being planned staff hope to see an increase in participants this year.

OLD BUSINESS

a. After action discussion on annual Commission report to Council

J. Blaylock reported that she thought the presentation went well and that Council complimented the Commission several times. Joan said she reported on the Commission's past activities and invited the Council to attend the National Library Week festivities. E. Scherrer said that the presentation was good. Joan mentioned that the presentation could be viewed online.

b. After action discussion on National Library Week

The Commissioners discussed what worked well and possible improvements for next year's event. Everyone who helped or attended thought the event went well.

V. Yarbrough thanked the Commission for their recognition event for library staff. She said the staff really enjoyed the card, flower, and tasty treats. Mses. Scherrer, Abend, and Chatham also thanked the Commission for the recognition.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation/discussion on the book discussion program and book kits

Susan Abend, Librarian, gave a presentation on the history and current state of the library's book discussion group and book discussion kits.

b. Discussion/decision on a new liaison for Cochise County Library District's Citizen Liaison Council

V. Yarbrough said that Trini Valentin had resigned his position and the Commission could elect a new liaison if they wished.

J. Blaylock asked if anyone was interested. The Commission discussed the responsibilities and purpose of the Council. A. Slarve expressed interest in serving as liaison. Joan Blaylock made a motion to nominate A. Slarve as the new liaison. D. Simmons seconded. The motion carried 3–0. Commissioner Slarve abstained.

BRIEF REPORT BY THE CITY COUNCIL LIAISON OF CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS RELEVANT TO THE LIBRARY

Councilmember Mount was unable to attend the meeting.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Rita Spano said the Friends made a little over \$800 at their last book sale. Ms. Spano said Friends will have two half-price book sales in May, the 7 and the 14. If the change works out well, they may continue with two sales per month.

V. Fuller made a comment on the lasting interest in Shakespeare's writings.

REQUESTS OF THE COMMISSION AND FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner Blaylock confirmed that interlibrary loan would be discussed during the next meeting.

Commissioner Simmons asked how the County Library budget cuts could impact the Sierra Vista Library. Commissioner Blaylock suggested an item on the next agenda discussing the issue and ways the Commission might work to mitigate any negative impact.

ADJOURNMENT

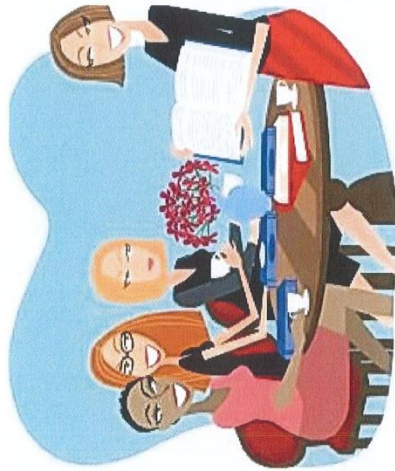
There being no further business to come before the Library Advisory Commission, J. Blaylock adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

The next Commission meeting will be Monday, May 23, 2016.

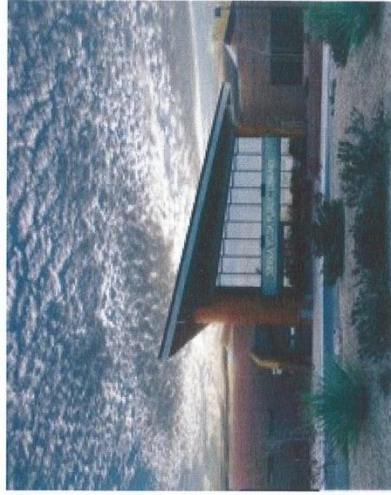
J. Blaylock, Chair

Debra Chatham, library recorder

Book Discussion Group & Book Discussion To Go Kits



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Historical Background

Book groups have their origins in 18th century Parisian salons and 19th century Victorian parlors.

According to ALA's Brad Hooper, the oldest--and still running--book club as we know them today may be the Mattoon Women's Reading Club, founded in Mattoon, Illinois, in 1877.

Book discussions were popularized by Oprah's Book Club, on the Oprah Winfrey Show, which ran from 1996 to 2011.

Beginning

In book groups, like-minded souls gather; what they have in common seems to be that a) they can read, b) they like to read, and c) they like to talk about what they have read.

When the Book Discussion Group started the State Library had a warehouse of books that libraries could borrow from. In 2005 this service was discontinued and the Friends of the Library began paying for the books used during the discussion. The yearly cost for 20 copies of the same title 9 times a year ran about \$3000, because of the high cost the Librarian in charge at that time began creating Book Discussion To Go Kits.

Metamorphosis

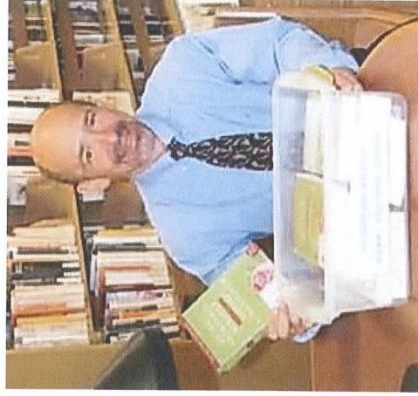
Our Book Discussion Group has morphed from a series of 3 discussions twice a year to 9 discussions a year, with a facilitator and 16-24 participants per discussion.

Before 2013 the Book Discussion, and computer classes were the only programming done for the adults of the community.

In 2013 we began expanding our programming and today we have 10 – 18 programs per month for the adults of our community.

Kits

The Book Discussion To Go Kits contain books, an author biography, book summary, discussion questions and tips for creating your own Book Group.



Circulation numbers for the Book Discussion To Go Kits has averaged 3 total checkouts per kit.

Kits and Discussion Today

In order to be more proactive to the communities wants and fiscally responsible the library has increased it's programming to include speakers and instruction in the arts and humanities, metaphysical and health, as well as, history and education. This means that programming funds have been diverted to these programs; we now purchase 4 copies of the book to be discussed 6 - 9 months before the discussion for checkout by patrons and create a book discussion to go kit once the group is finished with the title.

And for Summer Reading we are creating some short story discussions.